Export promotion centres in Metropolitan Cities

3140. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up export promotion centres in Metropolitan Cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner these Centres would promote country's exports; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government, so far, towards their establishment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Export of meat and meat products

3141. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has been able to achieve a major breakthrough in the export of meat and meat products by opening up new markets in Iran and Egypt; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After protracted negotiations, the Egyptian and Iranian authorities have agreed to import Indian meat and meat products. The Iranian authorities have placed an order for supply of 1000 MT of buffalo meat. The Egyptian authorities have also decided to import Indian buffalo meat.

Review of the purchasing system of DGS&D

3142. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that functioning of the DGS&D has come to a grinding halt since the abolition of ad hoc purchases of DGS&D;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite scope for concluding RCs for innumberable common used items, it has singnally failed to conclude for several existing items by applying negative approach to such cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is too much of uncontrolled and unregulated bureaucratisation at DGS&D; and

(d) whether Government would consider a suggestion to review the purchase system to set it right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : (a) No, Sir. As per the decision of the Government taken towards the end of 1991 the work of procurement against ad hoc indents has been transferred to various indenting Central Government Ministries/Departments. DGS&D continues to handle the procurement of items of common use and in regular demand on rate/running contract basis with the exception of POL products required by the Ministries of Defence and Railways. DGS&D also continues to deal with ad hoc indents for State Governments/Union Territories and Public Sector Undertakings when it is so desired by them. Besides procurement on rate/running contract basis, DGS&D continues to render other services like inspection of stores, clearance of imported stores as hitherto.

(b) Bringing/deleting common user items on rate contracts is a continuous process and the number of such items does not remain constant. Certain norms are laid down which are kept in view while deciding to either bring fresh items on R/C or delete an existing item from R/Cs.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. It is denied that there is uncontrolled and unregulated bureaucratisation at DGS&D. The purchase policy and procedures followed by the DGS&D have been evolved over years and are time tested. These have served the needs of the indentors satisfactorily. The policy and procedure, however, are reviewed and modified periodically, keeping in view the changes in Government policy, industrial developments and views expressed by the indentors and the trade.